



CPS in Harris County Annual Report

2015 Statistics
2016 Program Information

Celebrating
50
Years

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1966 - 2016 Celebrating 50 Years of HCPS in Harris County

HOUSTON CHRONICLE

Child Welfare Program Set Up In Harris County

June 24, 1966

Harris County Commissioners Court has signed an agreement with the State Department of Public Welfare establishing a child welfare program here.

The program will send social workers into homes of potentially dependent, neglected or delinquent children to reduce the more

than 11,000 such children annually made wards of the county by the courts.

Under the agreement, signed Thursday, the state will contribute \$300,000 annually to the program. The county budgeted \$14,000 last January for its 1966 share.

1966

Harris County Child Welfare (HCCW) was established.

1972

HCCW Clinic established.

1973

Second state statute passed by the legislature regarding the HCCW Board.

First County-funded staff position created and filled.

TRIAD consortium created by Commissioners' Court.

1974



Community Relations Director/Media Spokesperson position created.

1978

Chimney Rock Center (CRC) and the emergency shelter opened to serve 40 youth.

Memorandum of Agreement established between Harris County and the State of Texas.

1979



George Ford became Executive Director.

First agency annual report published.

Community Youth Services (CYS) transferred from HCJPD

(Harris County Juvenile Probation Department).

1981



Establishment of the Clarewood Place Program.

1983

Name changed from HCCW to Harris County Children's Protective Services (HCCPS).

Tejas Residential Treatment Center opens at CRC.

HCCPS contracts with Houston Achievement Place to operate the Clarewood Program.

1984

The Preparation for Adult Living (PAL) established by the state.

1985

Training Institute established.

1986

Series of child deaths and Grand Jury hearings.

1987

HCCPS Fund Board incorporated.

1988

Spindletop Exceptional Care facility renovated by the Fund Board.

1989

Children's Assessment Center was created as a new program of HCCPS.

1990

Donation of Compaq equipment to HCCPS.

1991

County-state agreement renegotiated; consolidated the 1966 and 1978 agreements.

Texas Dept. of Protective and Regulatory Services (PRS) name change

1992



CRC Shelter capacity reduced from 40 to 24.

1994

Children's Crisis Care Center (4C's) funded with private donations.

1995

HCCPS becomes a department of Harris County.

HCCPS Legal department and County Attorney's office merge.

Children's Assessment Center becomes a county department.

1996

First state CPS cases served by 4C's.

Office consolidation in county-owned RTC building.

BEAR (Be A Resource for CPS children) created.

1997

Youth and Family Services Division (HCYFS) established.

1998

TRIAD Prevention Program collaboration began with HCJPD and MHMRA. JP Courts Program became a part of TRIAD.

HCJPD staff co-housed at CPS main offices.

1999

Agency relocates to the Murworth complex from 5100 Southwest Freeway.

2000

CPS co-produced the first HCYFS (Harris

County Youth and Family Services) Division conference.

Community Youth Development (CYD) Program in Gulfton and North Pasadena begins.

2001

Child Protection Point of Entry established to coordinate investigations of physical abuse and neglect.

Expansion of JP Courts Program to include more JP Court liaisons.

2002

Memorandum of Understanding signed with PRS.

HCCPS was awarded the Preparation for Adult Living (PAL) contract.

2003

Guardianship Program transferred to HCCPS.

Name changed to Harris County Protective Services for Children and Adults (HCPS).

Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services (PRS) name changed to Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS).

T-Care closes the ECP program at CRC.

Ground broken for Harris County Youth Services Center.

2004

Program Improvement and Technical Assistance (PITA) Team formed.

2005

HCPS joins others in Houston to help thousands of Hurricane Katrina evacuees at the Astrodome, Reliant Center and George R. Brown

HAY Center (Houston Alumni and Youth) was established to provide

transitional services to current and former foster youth.

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Grant for \$9.5 million awarded to Harris County.

2006

Successful fundraising campaign completed for Youth Services Center.



The Youth Services Center (YSC) has its grand opening.

Pilot program for JP Court Case Managers begins.

2007

Texas Senate Bill 813 authorized this agency to contract with the state for case management services.

Rep Payee program is transferred to the Guardianship program.

Legislature passed statute HB1763 to statutorily change our name to HCPS.

2008

The BEAR program opens two additional BEAR Rooms at the Murworth and Buffalo Speedway office locations.

The HAY Center and PAL Program relocates to Antoine Street.

2009

First Annual Dianne Bynum Administrative Support Conference held.

BEAR opens two additional BEAR Rooms (Northpoint and Little York locations).

BEAR begins to host the BEAR Graduation Celebration for foster youth graduating.

The Kinder Shelter begins to accept certain qualified Juvenile Probation Dept. youth.

Youth on Board join as non-voting members of the Board of Directors.

The HAY Center relocates to Cochran Street.

2010

Champions Strategic Planning Project begins.

2011

Agency Reorganization into five Divisions (Administration, Adult, Financial and Business, Children's, and Youth)

BEAR opens another BEAR Room at the Bryant Street location.

2014

Clinic begins Integrated Health Services for Children in foster care.

HAY Center Transition Coach Program begins.

Asset Management Team formed.

2016

HCPS Celebrates its 50th Anniversary (1966-2016).

George Ford, HCPS Executive Director, retires after more than 45 years.



Joel Levine is hired as the new HCPS Executive Director

Letter to the Citizens of Harris County

CPS in Harris County is pleased to present our 2015-2016 Annual Report. This report provides an overview of our programs and services, and 2015 statistics and funding of both Harris County Protective Services for Children and Adults (HCPS) and the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS).



HCPS Highlights

This monumental year has been marked not only by our 50th anniversary at Harris County Protective Services, but also transitions, advancements and growth.

In the Adult Services Division:

- HCPS received a \$383,000 grant to oversee the creation of the Senior Justice Assessment Center. The project will be a partnership between HCPS, the Department of Family and Protective Services, Houston Police Department, Harris County District Attorney's Office, Harris County Attorney's Office, Harris County Sheriff's Department and UT Health. The objective is to assess and develop interventions for seniors suspected of being abused, neglected, exploited or experiencing self-neglect.

In the Youth Services Division:

- We collaborated with representatives from the City of Houston and other county departments to develop and implement the Houston/Harris County Uniform Truancy Plan.
- HCPS has been given the greenlight to develop its version of the Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS) assessment tool. CANS is a widely-used multi-purpose tool to support child and youth specific interventions. This highly-acclaimed tool is currently being used on a global level.

In the Children's Services Division:

- Our Children's Crisis Care Center staff began the Nurturing Parent Program, which provides guidance in caring for children in state care.
- Our HCPS Clinic staff began working toward the Foster Care Forensic Center of Excellence designation with Superior Health Plan. The designation reflects the clinic's expertise in treating traumatized children in the foster care system.

In non-direct services

- The Kinder Emergency Shelter, a 24-hour residential facility at the Youth Services Center, has undergone several enhancements to provide a more home-like environment that creates normalcy for youth in crisis.
- We launched a new website, modernized our logo, streamlined our mission statement and introduced a new tagline to better inform the public of how we can serve them.

Jerry LeVias
Board President, HCPS

Joel Levine, LCSW
Executive Director, HCPS

C.J. Broussard-White, J.D., LLM
Harris County CPS Regional Director



DFPS Highlights

Harris County CPS is continuing to improve and progress as work to continue to embed all the hard work that was done over the last two years by DFPS while undergoing CPS Transformation. As we continue to work on Transformation, we have developed a business plan that works from our Mission and Vision of "All Hands on Deck" to ensure "Child Safety and Permanency Is Our No. 1 Priority". We are working on building stronger teams and will begin working in Permanency Team concept. We are working with Casey Family Programs to develop our Permanency Teams. We are continuing to put into practice the recommendations from three reviews conducted by the Stephen Group, Casey Family Program, and Sunset Commission. The Casey Family Program conducted a study on children in foster care in Harris County and found that children stay in care longer in Harris County than the state average. The challenge was to move children that have been in CPS care more than two years to permanency. We successfully met that challenge and we are continuing to work via collaborative efforts of DFPS, the Harris County Attorneys' Office, Harris County courts, the children's ad litigants, the HCPS Board, and other community partners to ensure that our children do not remain in care for any length of time than what is absolutely necessary. While we cannot control all the factors that contribute to our children's time in care, we will continue to work on those factors that are within our control. We will continue to strive to improve retention of well qualified employees and have a targeted effort to ensure our management level staff are well prepared and supported.

As we move into the new year, CPS is excited about better outcomes for children and families. CPS plays a critical role in ensuring safety, well-being, and permanency for tens of thousands of children each year by helping families build safe environments or by finding permanent homes for children. We are holding to our vision in Harris County: "Child Safety and Permanency is our No. 1 Priority: With a Family Focus and we are taking a Region wide team approach with "All Hands On Deck"!



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FOR FAMILIES AND CHILDREN, INC.





*BEAR... - BE A Resource for CPS Kids
*FBSS - Family-Based Safety Services
*4Cs - Children's Crisis Care Center

*HAY - Houston Alumni Youth Center
*PAL - Preparation for Adult Living

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CPS in Harris County

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CPS in Harris County 2015 Funding

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Harris County Children's Protective Services Fund

The Harris County Children's Protective Services Fund operates for the benefit of the children and adults who are direct or potential recipients of services from Harris County Protective Services for Children and Adults.

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HCPS 2016 Administrative Staff

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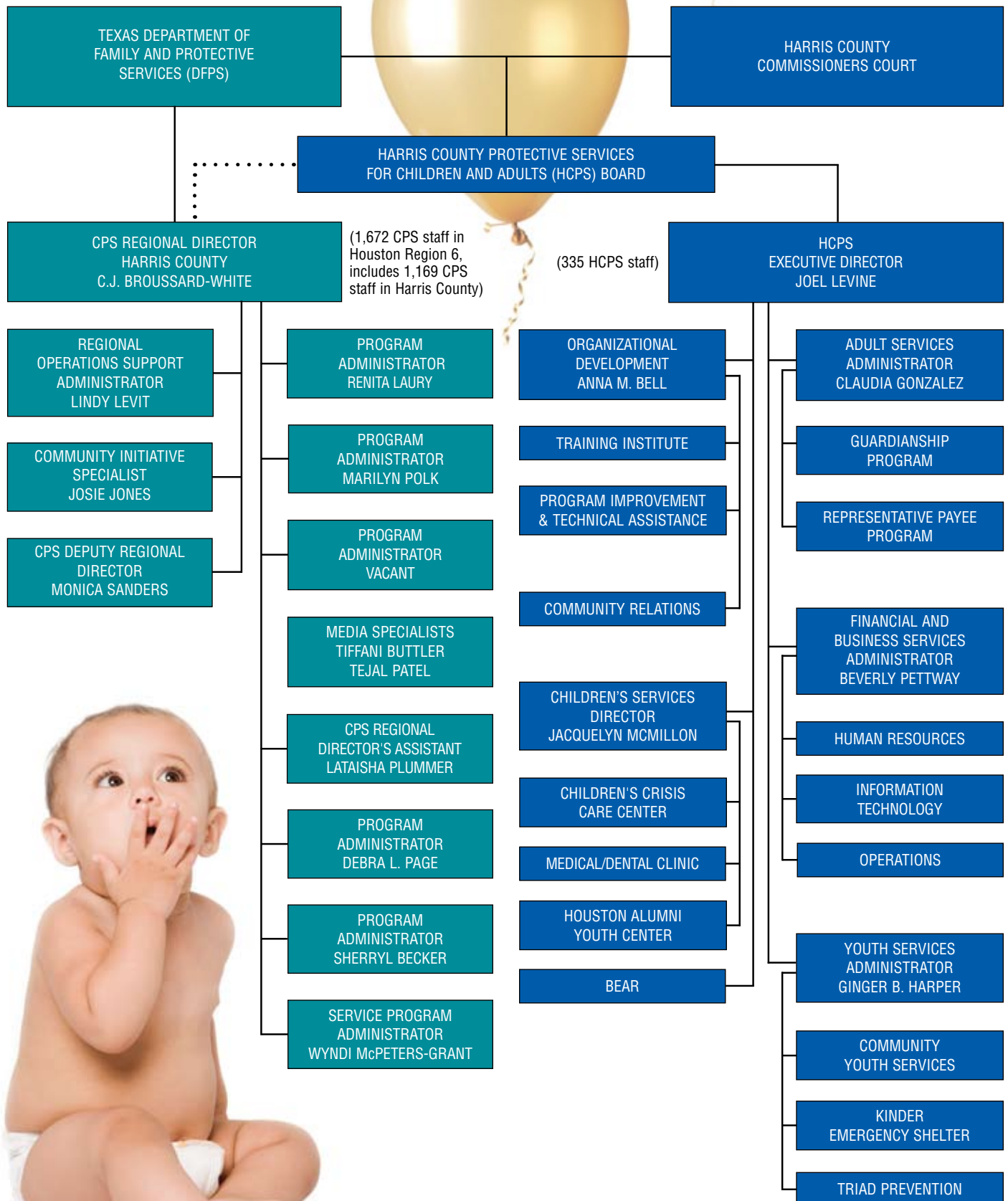
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Managing Regional Attorney, APS and CPS

CPS in Harris County Organizational Chart 2016



Overview

While Child Protective Services (CPS) in Texas is a state-managed program through the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS), there has been a tradition of county-level involvement since 1966 in Harris County.

In a unique governmental collaboration, protective services for children and adults in Harris County are seamlessly provided by the State of Texas, acting through (DFPS), and Harris County through Harris County Protective Services for Children and Adults (HCPS).

CPS in Harris County



Texas Department
of Family and
Protective Services
(DFPS)
www.dfps.state.tx.us



Harris County
Protective Services for
Children and Adults (HCPS)
<https://hcps.harriscountytexas.gov/>





THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES (DFPS)

www.dfps.state.tx.us

The Texas Department of Family and Protective Services serves the state's children, youth, families, and people who are elderly or have disabilities. The DFPS mission is to protect children and people who are elderly or who have disabilities from abuse, neglect and exploitation by involving clients, families and communities. DFPS works to accomplish that mission through four programs: Child Protective Services (CPS), Adult Protective Services (APS), Child Care Licensing (CCL), and Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) programs. DFPS is an agency of the Texas Health and Human Services Commission.

The responsibilities of the Child Protective Services (CPS) program of DFPS are to:

- Investigate reports of child abuse and neglect,
- Protect children from abuse and neglect,
- Promote the safety, integrity and stability of families,
- Find permanent homes or other places to live for children who cannot safely remain with their own families.



HARRIS COUNTY PROTECTIVE SERVICES FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS (HCPS)

At the Heart of Families

<https://hcps.harriscountytexas.gov/>

The Vision of Harris County Protective Services for Children and Adults (HCPS) is to better the lives of children and adults in Harris County.

HCPS' Mission is to:

To support, enhance, and advocate for the safety and well-being of children and adults in Harris County.

HCPS works to accomplish its mission through programs serving children and adults by providing:

- basic needs,
- screenings and assessments,
- counseling and therapy, and
- coordinated community resources.

Total Children Monthly

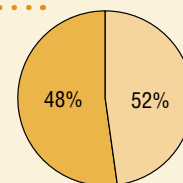
Approximate number of children receiving services from CPS in Harris County per month in 2015 including those children serviced in DFPS and HCPS programs.

Completed investigations (children)	4,700
Receiving Family-Based Safety Services (children)	5,500
In Protective Custody (children)	3,900
(See Breakdown charts at right)	
Receiving TRIAD Prevention Program Services (youth)	1,100
Receiving CYS Services (youth)	6,000

TOTAL

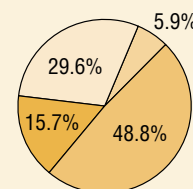
(Approximate number of children served per month by CPS in Harris County) 21,200

Breakdown of (children) in Protective Custody



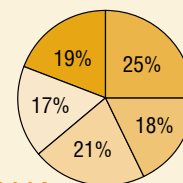
Gender

- 48% Female
- 52% Male



Ethnicity

- 48.8% African American
- 15.7% Anglo
- 29.6% Hispanic
- 5.9% Other



Age

- 25% Under 2 yrs
- 18% 3 to 5 yrs
- 21% 6 to 9 yrs
- 17% 10 to 13 yrs
- 19% 14 to 17 yrs

Statistics for CPS in Harris County 2015

Harris County Child Population for Year 2015: 1,198,257

Child Protective Services (CPS) Program of The Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS)

CPS Program of DFPS 2015 Activities¹ • FY September 1, 2014 through August 31, 2015

Intakes of child abuse and neglect assigned for investigation		29,952 ²
Completed investigations	families	23,459 ²
	alleged victims	37,176
	total children	60,324
Children adopted	in Harris County	874
Children served in Family-Based Safety Services		12,009
Children taken into protective custody		1,727
Total children in protective custody	as of August 31, 2015	3,806
Foster and Foster/Adopt Homes	as of August 31, 2015	76

1 Source: DFPS Forecasting and Program Statistics.

2 The difference between Intakes and Completed investigations is the families currently under investigation or investigations merged or administratively closed.

Additional information
can be found at:
www.dfps.state.tx.us/statistics

Harris County Protective Services for Children and Adults (HCPS)

HCPS 2015 Activities³ • January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015

BEAR...BE A Resource for CPS Kids ⁴	CPS children served in BEAR Necessities	11,148
	CPS children served in BEARing Gifts	9,220
	CPS children served in Back to School	4,058
	in-kind and cash contributions	1,164,309
Children's Crisis Care Center (4Cs)	children evaluated	945
	families assessed	404
	Family Group Decision-Making conferences	295
	Permanency Planning Team meetings	3,731 ⁵
Community Youth Services (CYS)	youth referrals	5,485
Student Support Services		64,764
Guardianship Program	adult wards as of Dec. 31, 2015	1,217
Kinder Emergency Shelter	youth sheltered	259
Medical-Dental Clinic	children served	3,280
HAY Center Services		1,078
TRIAD Prevention Program	at-risk youth served	13,498 ⁶

3 Source: The EVOLV Database System

4 Some children are served by multiple programs.

5 Special professional teams to ensure that children do not linger in foster care.

6 Refer to page 19 for breakdown

Additional information
can be found at:
<https://hcps.harriscountytexas.gov/>

Child Protective Services (CPS) Program of DFPS

For more information on services, go to: www.dfps.state.tx.us/child_protection/

INTAKE

State law requires anyone who suspects a child, an adult 65 years or older or who has a disability is being abused, neglected or exploited to report it. Reports can be made through the DFPS Texas Abuse Hotline (1-800-252-5400) or online at: www.txabusehotline.org The hotline operates 24-hours a day, every day of the year.

In FY 2015, CPS in Harris County assigned 29,952 reports of child abuse and neglect for investigation. All reports meeting the statutory definitions of abuse and neglect are assigned a priority based on the level of risk to the alleged victim. The highest priority reports (P1) must be responded to within 24 hours. Priority 2 cases must be responded to within 72 hours. Intake caseworkers at the hotline notify law enforcement of reports involving children.

INVESTIGATIONS

When an intake report is assigned, CPS workers interview children (when verbal), parents and others with knowledge of the family. These interviews help determine if child abuse or neglect has occurred, if the children are safe, and to assess the risk of further harm to the child. If criminal conduct is involved, law enforcement may investigate to determine if criminal charges will be filed.

The Child Protective Services Point of Entry, located at the Harris County Youth Services Center, helps to coordinate investigations for victims of physical abuse or neglect 24 hours per day, seven days per week. Victims of sexual abuse are referred to the Children's Assessment Center for investigation by CPS staff, law enforcement, medical professionals, specialized interviewers and therapists.

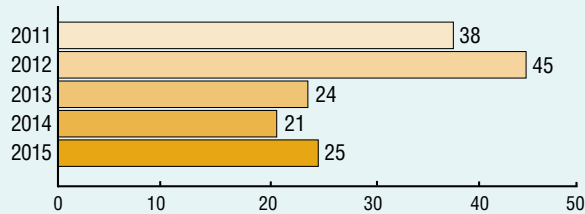
During FY 2015, CPS confirmed 6,360 children were abused or neglected in Harris County. The rate of confirmed abuse/neglect victims in Harris County was 5.3 per 1,000 children, compared to 9.1 children per 1,000 in Texas.

For more information on Investigations, go to http://www.dfps.state.tx.us/Child_Protection/About_Child_Protective_Services/investigation.asp

Child Protective Services (CPS) Program of DFPS

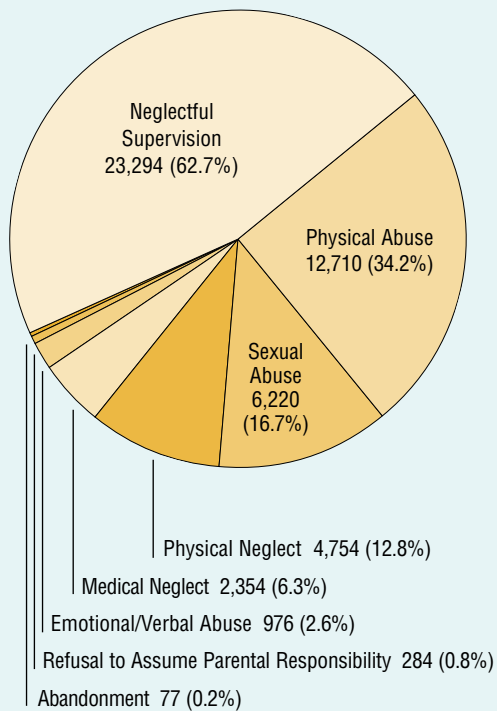
Child Abuse or Neglect Fatalities in Harris County

In 2015, there were 25 child abuse or neglect related fatalities in Harris County and 171 in Texas.



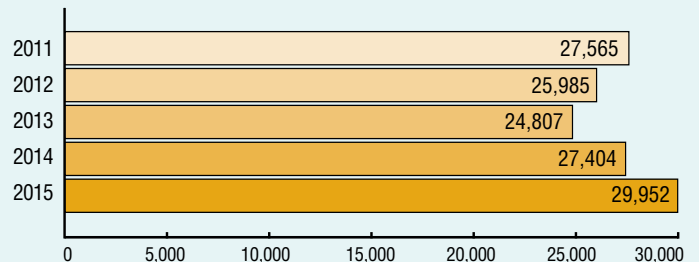
Completed CPS Investigations in Harris County

The total exceeds 37,176 alleged victims in completed investigations in 2015 since children may have more than one type of abuse/neglect allegation.

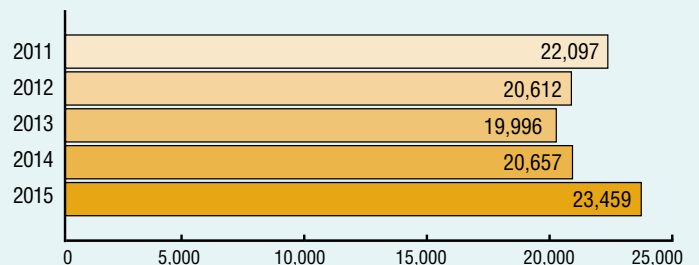


Breakdown of Types of Abuse/Neglect of Alleged Victims in Completed Investigations

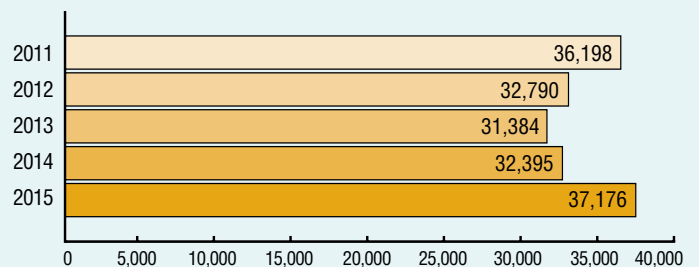
INTAKES



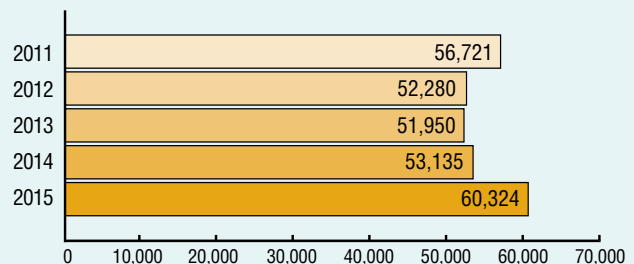
FAMILIES INVESTIGATED



ALLEGED VICTIMS



TOTAL NUMBER OF CHILDREN

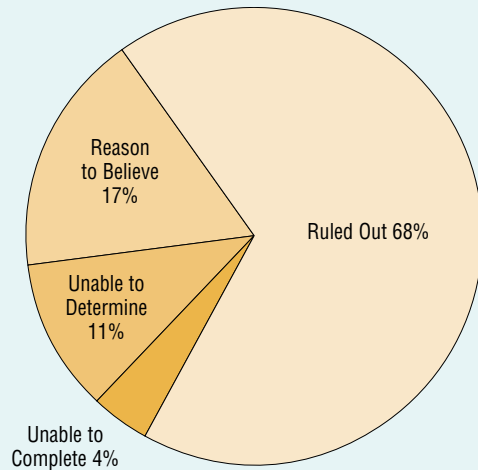


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Child Protective Services (CPS) Program of DFPS

Findings of Allegations in Families in Completed Investigations

During FY 2015, 23,459 family investigations were completed.



CPS investigations help determine if child abuse or neglect has occurred and assess the risk of further harm to the child.

FAMILY-BASED SAFETY SERVICES (FBSS)

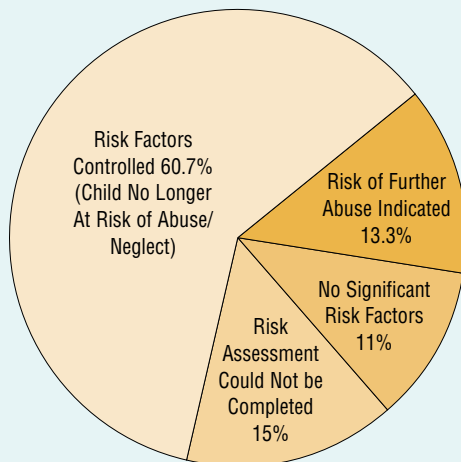
When child safety can be reasonably assured, CPS provides in-home services to help stabilize the family and reduce the risk of future abuse or neglect. FBSS can help avoid the need to remove children from their home by strengthening the family's ability to protect their child and reduce threats to their child's safety. Services provided include family counseling, crisis intervention, mental health services, parenting classes, substance abuse treatment, domestic violence intervention, and day care. Most children served by FBSS continue to live at home while CPS works with their families. In some cases, children may live elsewhere temporarily, usually with relatives or family friends, until it is safe for them to return home.

Family-Based Safety Services in 2015

12,009 children

3,965 families

Outcome of Risk Assessment of Child Abuse/Neglect in Families in Completed Investigations



FOSTER CARE

When it is not safe for children to live with their own families, CPS may ask the court to remove the children from their home. While in CPS custody, children may be placed temporarily with relatives, a foster family, an emergency shelter, or another foster care facility. CPS and the courts must consider family and others with close ties to the child as an option for living arrangement. These caregivers provide children with a safe, nurturing environment. Foster families receive reimbursements for the costs associated with caring for children. CPS and the foster parents arrange all educational, medical, dental, and therapeutic services needed by the child. Some children have emotional or other needs that can be difficult to address in a foster home. These children may live in specialized group homes, residential treatment centers, or other facilities that best meet their needs. While children are in foster care and parental rights are intact, CPS provides services to parents until the family is reunited or another permanent living arrangement for the children is approved by the courts.

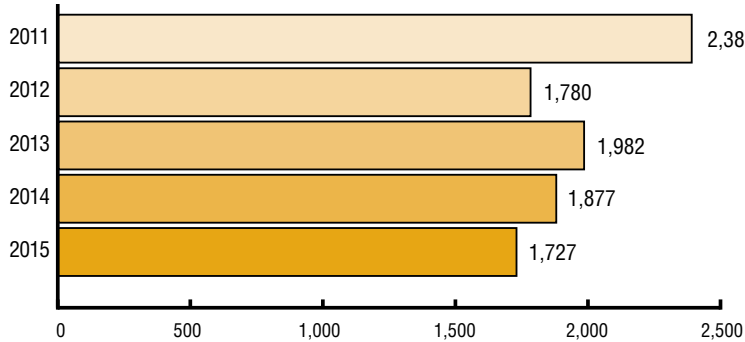
For more information on
FOSTER CARE

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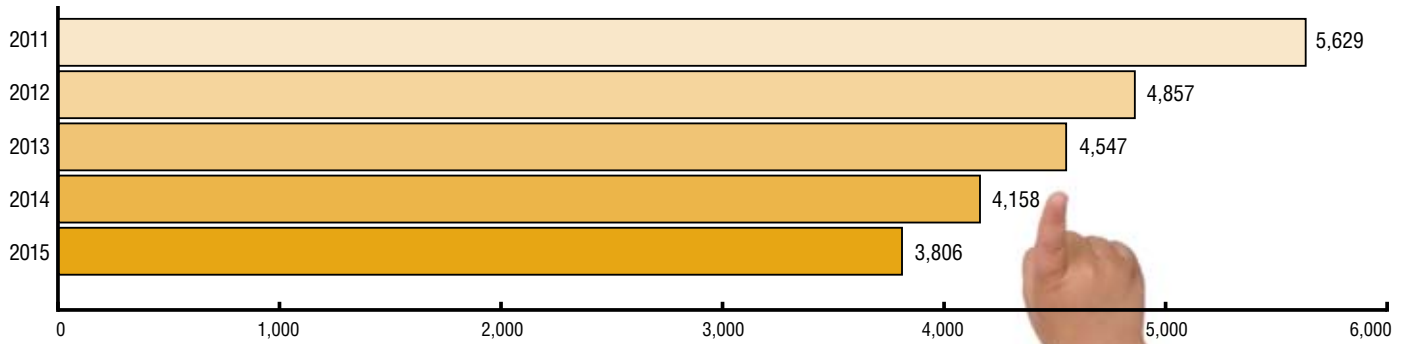
Children in Custody 2011 – 2015

CHILDREN TAKEN INTO PROTECTIVE CUSTODY DURING FISCAL YEAR



4.6% of alleged victims were taken into custody because it was not safe for them to live in their home.

CHILDREN IN PROTECTIVE CUSTODY AT END OF FISCAL YEAR

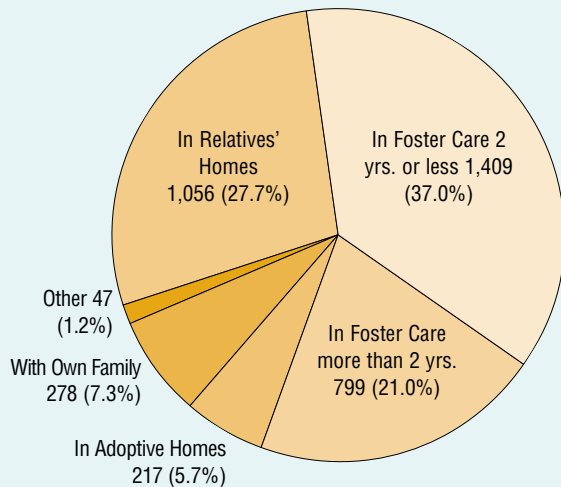


Source: DFPS Forecasting and Program Statistics

Child Protective Services (CPS) Program of DFPS

Location of Children in DFPS Protective Custody in Harris County

At the end of FY 2015, 3,806 children were in the state's Managing Conservatorship (custody) in Harris County.



FAMILY REUNIFICATION

In Harris County 2,110 children in CPS custody were placed in a permanent living arrangement in 2015. With court approval, 22.4% of the children were returned to their own families, 25.5% were placed with relatives, and 42.2% were placed in adoptive homes.

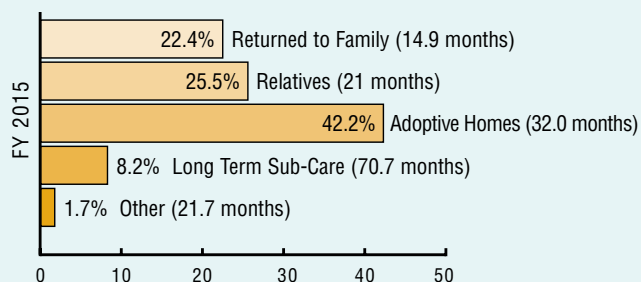
The average length of time children were in state custody in Harris County until placed in a permanent living arrangement during FY 2015 was 30.4 months.

KINSHIP

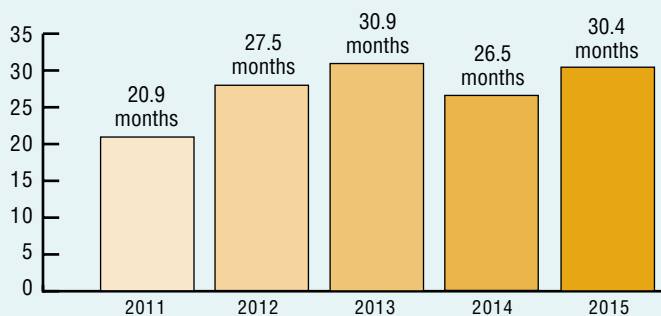
Kinship care means children, who are no longer able to live with their own parents, live with relatives or other people who have a significant relationship with the child or the child's family. These caregivers provide children the benefit of more stability when they cannot live with their birth parents. Kinship caregivers receive a one-time payment and reimbursement to help buy items needed to care for the children. They can also receive support services such as training, family counseling, and daycare. Kinship placements move children out of foster care and into the care of relatives, helping children stay connected to their families and their communities. Kinship caregivers may also provide permanent homes by adopting or accepting legal responsibility for children. In 2015, CPS in Harris County placed 2,682 children in kinship homes.

For More Information on KINSHIP

http://www.dfps.state.tx.us/Child_Protection/Kinship_Care/



Comparison of Total Average Length of Time Children in Custody 2011 - 2015



The average length of time children were in state custody in Harris County until placed in a permanent living arrangement during FY 2014 was 26.5 months



Child Protective Services (CPS) Program of DFPS

ADOPTION

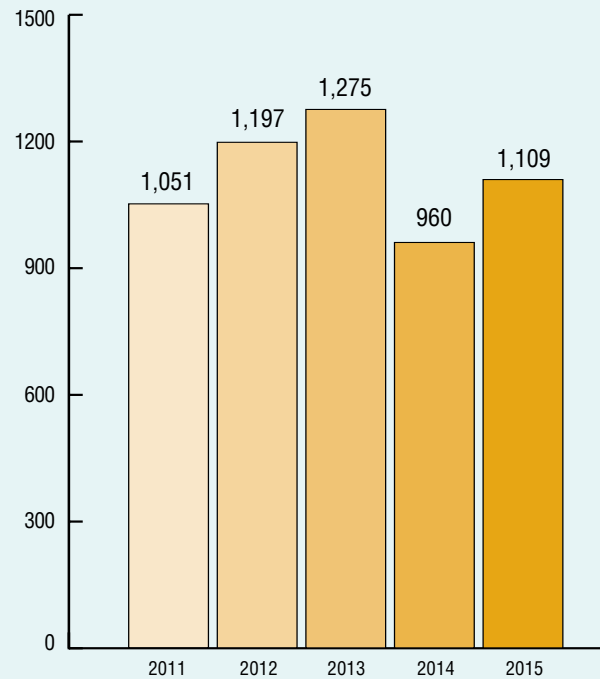
When it is not possible for a child to return home, the court may terminate the parents' rights and legally make the child available for adoption. In 2015, DFPS completed 1,109 adoptions in Houston Region 6 (874 in Harris County). DFPS contracts with licensed, private child-placing agencies to increase the number of parents available to adopt children in foster care. CPS also contracts with private agencies to provide post-adoption services to children and their adoptive families, such as counseling, crisis intervention, parent training and support groups and respite care.

Texas Adoption Resource Exchange (TARE) website [adoptchildren.org] is an important tool for recruiting foster and adoptive parents. TARE provides information, photos, videos, and profiles of all Texas children waiting to be adopted.

Waiting (as of October 31, 2016)
www.adoptchildren.org • 1-800-233-3405

976 Children are Waiting to be Adopted in Harris County

Adoptions Completed in Houston Region 6



YOUTH TRANSITIONING OUT OF CARE

In some cases, CPS cannot find someone to take permanent custody of a child. These youth generally stay in care until age 18, when they age out or emancipate. Youth may stay in foster care in the Extended Foster Care Program until age 21 while they pursue an education or a job. CPS works to connect these youth with caring adults who are committed to them and can provide support. DFPS and HCPS provide various services to help these youth learn to live successfully on their own. In 2015, 174 children aged out of Foster Care in Harris County.

For more information
 go to page 17 under HAY Center or

http://www.dfps.state.tx.us/Child_Protection/Youth_and_Young_Adults/Preparation_For_Adult_Living/default.asp

Circles of Support (COS) are youth-focused, youth-driven meetings to develop a plan for older youth to transition from foster care to adulthood and to connect youth with caring adults who will support them.

For more information on CIRCLES OF SUPPORT
 see "Services for Foster Youth
 Transitioning out of Care"

www.dfps.state.tx.us/txyouth/resources/Texas/circle_of_Support.asp

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THE CHILDREN'S CRISIS CARE CENTER (4CS)

The 4Cs is a community collaboration focused on meeting the unique needs of each physically abused and neglected child entering CPS custody. The program services, available only to children in care, is structured into three teams: Children, Family and Permanency Planning.

The 4C's is also a partner with the Infant Toddler Court team to provide Parent-Child Interaction Assessments for families in the CPS system with children 0 - 3 years of age.

For complete information on 4Cs and its programs go to <https://hcps.harriscountytx.gov/>



HCPS CLINIC

HCPS Clinic, located at the Youth Services Center, operates with the University of Texas Medical School and is available to all child clients of CPS and HCPS.

During 2015, HCPS Clinic provided services to 3,280 children. The clinic provides an integrated health approach, housing medical, dental, and mental health care in one location; the first of its kind in the nation. When requested by the caseworkers, the clinic also performs drug screens on adult clients connected with the children we serve.

For more information on HCPS CLINIC
Please call HCPS Clinic at **713-295-2570**
or go to <https://hcps.harriscountytx.gov/>

The Children's Crisis Care Center in 2015

Children's Developmental and Psychological Assessments	945
Family Assessments	404
Permanency Conferences	3,731
Family Conferences	295

HCPS Clinic Services Provided in 2015

Medical Appointments	2,449
Dental Appointments	831
Drug Testing	1,198

Children's Services Division



BEAR

BEAR...BE A Resource for CPS Kids offers hope and help for abused and neglected children and the caseworkers who protect them. BEAR is a 501(c)(3) public/private partnership that provides goods and services to children under the care of CPS in Harris County. BEAR is fortunate to have support from the State and County, as well as numerous generous individuals, corporations, churches and foundations.

BEAR provides new clothing and other basic necessities at emergency supply rooms co-located in 8 DFPS CPS offices. In addition, BEAR provides gifts to CPS kids during the holidays, back to school supplies and uniforms, and a special graduation celebration for foster youth aging out of care.

BEAR is grateful to the hundreds of volunteers who ensure that we are able to serve as many children as possible.

For ways to get involved visit

www.bearesourcehouston.org or
www.facebook.com/BEARResourceforCPSKids

In 2015, BEAR received
 \$1,164,309 in cash and in-kind donations.

BEAR Necessities	11,148 children served	20 year-round volunteers
BEARing Gifts	9,220 children served	708 volunteers
BEAR Back-to-School	4,058 children served	77 volunteers
BEAR Graduation Celebration	107 children served	11 volunteers

Many children with open CPS cases are served by some or all programs each year.

Children's Services Division



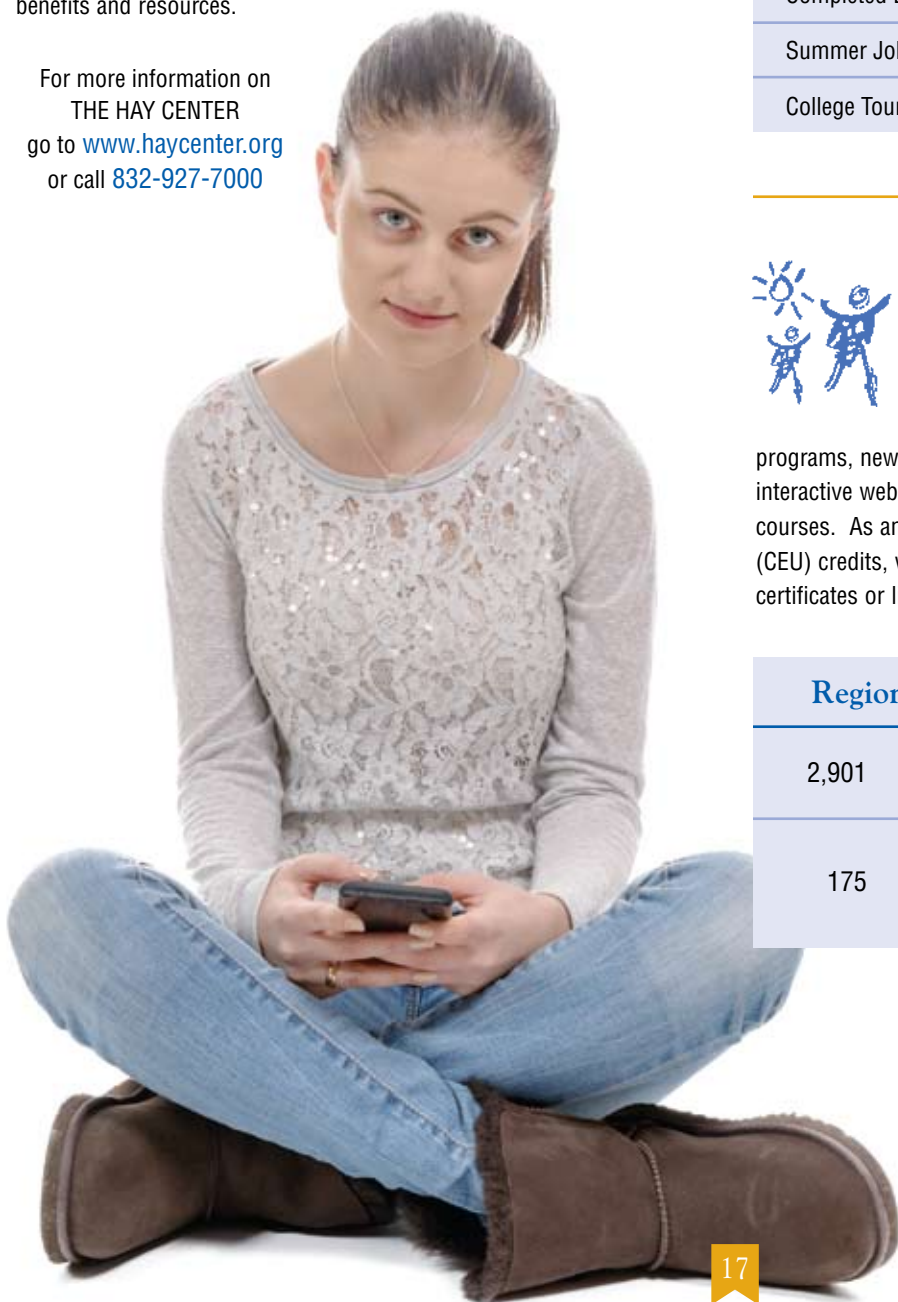
THE HAY CENTER

The HAY Center provides transitional services for current and former foster care youth ages 16 through 25 with an emphasis on education and employment. Through a contract with the Texas

Workforce Commission, the HAY Center is designed as a one stop resource center for these youth, including those who might not qualify for PAL services. Services include housing programs, employment opportunities, parenting classes, educational services and a host of other programs to assist with their transition to adulthood.

Volunteers in the Transition Coaching program are matched with a youth, age 16 or older, who are close to aging out of the foster care system. The volunteer coaches help older teens navigate their unique course to adulthood. They ensure the teens are on the right track to graduate, apply for colleges, find employment, and organize post-care benefits and resources.

For more information on
THE HAY CENTER
go to www.haycenter.org
or call 832-927-7000

HAY Center Services provided to
1,078 youth in FY 2015

Case Management Services (age 21-25)	109
Special Events (duplicate count)	326
TWC Vocational Services	301
Transition Coaching	71
PAL Services (in care and after care)	1,099
Financial support	145
Support for youth in-care	205
Completed Life Skills training classes	351
Summer Jobs Program	41
College Tours	34

REGION 6 TRAINING INSTITUTE
(TI)

The Training Institute provides organizational staff development and training for HCPS and DFPS employees, including new employee orientation programs, new board member orientation, Core Competency Courses, interactive web-based training classes and management/leadership courses. As an authorized provider of Continuing Educational Unit (CEU) credits, we are able to provide these for all professionals requiring certificates or licenses.

Region 6 Training Institute 2015 Statistics

2,901	Professionals participated in course offerings sponsored by HCPS
175	Administrative support professionals participated in the Dianne Bynum Administrative Support Services Conference

Youth Services Division

Harris County Youth Services Center (YSC) is a “hub” of support services for children and youth needing help. The facility, located at 6300 Chimney Rock, allows the various agencies housed at the YSC to better coordinate the many services they offer.

Located in the building is staff from HCPS (Kinder Emergency Shelter, CYS, TRIAD Prevention Program, Medical/Dental Clinic and BEAR), the DFPS’ Child Protective Services Point of Entry, and Harris County Juvenile Probation Department.



COMMUNITY YOUTH SERVICES (CYS)

CYS, a crisis intervention and case management program, offers free, voluntary assistance to at-risk youth and their families. CYS staff members have a unique shared funding partnership with 13 school districts, as well as the Pasadena Police Department, the Educational Services Division of the Harris County Juvenile Probation Department, and the Community Education Partners Charter School. The goal of this program is to prevent at-risk youth from becoming victims of child abuse, running away, dropping out of school or entering into delinquent behavior.

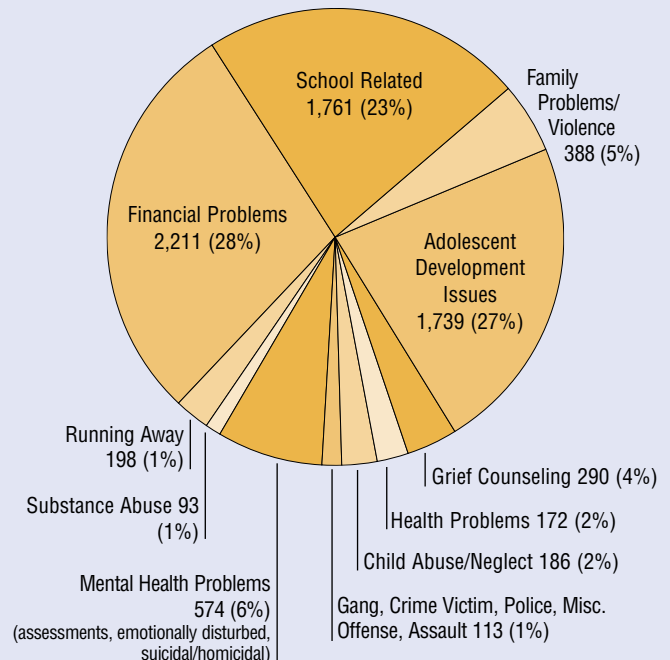
Additionally, CYS provides support services to runaway/homeless youth through the Safety Net program and conflict resolution/mediation to youth and their parents through the Parent/Teen program.

During 2015, CYS staff served 7,725 new referrals. CYS staff provided an additional 64,764 Student Support Services to students at school and in the community not related to open cases. Students may participate in multiple outreach event services.

For more information on
COMMUNITY YOUTH SERVICES (CYS)
<https://hcps.harriscountytexas.gov/>

Reasons for New Referrals to CYS

During 2015 CYS staff served 7,725 new youth referrals.



Youth Services Division



KINDER EMERGENCY SHELTER (KES)

The Nancy and Rich Kinder Emergency Shelter is an emergency residential facility that provides short-term services to youth, ages 12-17, which are in need of shelter and care due to abuse, neglect, or severe family conflict. Youth stay at the shelter until they can be safely returned home or to an alternative long-term placement. During the stay at the shelter, caseworkers help youth resolve their immediate crisis and counsel the families so that the youth may return home. During 2015, 259 youth were placed in the 24 bed shelter.



TRIAD PREVENTION PROGRAM

In 2014, TRIAD served 13,498 at-risk youth.

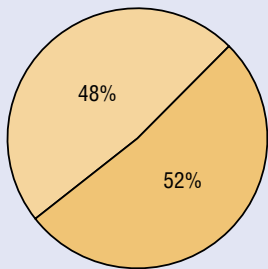
TRIAD is a consortium of three county agencies (HCPS, Juvenile Probation and Harris Center for Mental Health and IDD) working together to coordinate their resources to serve at-risk youth. TRIAD provides countywide prevention and early intervention services to divert youth and families from involvement with the CPS, mental health and/or juvenile justice systems.

TRIAD Intake Diversion staff operate the Baby Abandonment Hotline 24-hours a day, every day of the year.

For more information on
TRIAD PREVENTION PROGRAMS
<https://hcps.harriscountytexas.gov/>

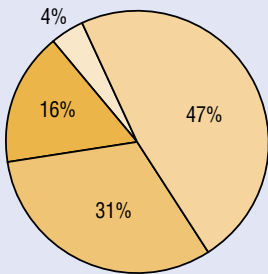
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Number of Youth Served (unduplicated) 259



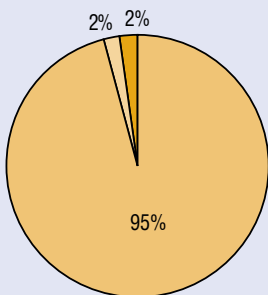
Gender

- 52% Female
- 48% Male



Ethnicity

- 47% African American
- 31% Anglo
- 16% Hispanic
- 4% Bi-racial
- <1% Asian
- <1% Other



Referral Resource

- 95% DFPS/CPS
- 2% Harris Co. Juvenile Probation
- 2% TRIAD
- <1% CYS
- <1% YMCA

TRIAD Prevention Program At-Risk Youth Served in Year 2015

JP Court - Program	8,463
JP Court WRAP Program	53
Truancy Learning Camp*	81
Parenting with Love and Limits	207
Parent/Teen Survival Program	183
Intake/Diversion	861
Mental Health Services	117
Community Youth Development (CYD)*	2,219
TRIAD Hotline Calls	1,001
Baby Abandonment	496
TOTAL	13,185

* CYD is funded by Texas Department of Family and Protective Services. Truancy. Learning Camp is funded by Harris County Community Services Department.

Adult Services Division



THE HARRIS COUNTY GUARDIANSHIP PROGRAM (HCGP)

The Guardianship Program (HCGP) provides services to adults who are determined to be incapacitated by one of Harris County's four Probate Courts. Specially trained case managers ensure that the wards maintain the highest degree of independence, dignity and respect, while protecting them from abuse, neglect, and exploitation. They also manage the wards' property, finances, and daily needs such as food, clothing, shelter, and medical care. Guardianship services continue until the wards improve to a point where the court finds them fully capable of handling their own affairs, the court appoints successor guardians, such as family or friends, or until the ward passes away. On December 31, 2015, there were 1217 court-appointed wards in the Guardianship Program.

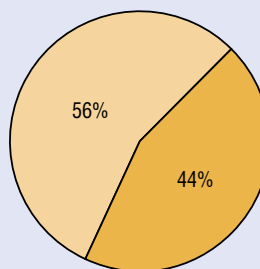
REPRESENTATIVE PAYEE PROGRAM

The Representative Payee Program is a case management program designed to assist eligible low-income Harris County adults who are elderly, physically, or mentally disabled, with financial management so they can remain living independently in the community. A case manager is responsible for paying the client's monthly rent and bills and verifies that the basic needs of the client are met.

Community volunteers, such as the Guardianship Angels, also play a significant role in the lives of the Guardianship wards and representative payee clients by either giving of their time, talents or resources.

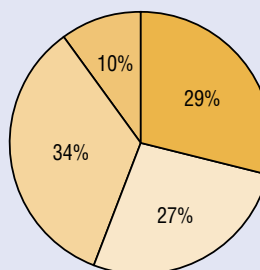
For more information on
THE HARRIS COUNTY GUARDIANSHIP PROGRAM
and opportunities to get involved please call [713-363-2300](tel:713-363-2300)

Number of wards and cases as of December 31, 2015: 1,217



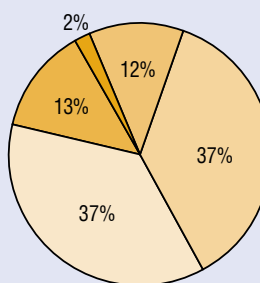
Gender

- Female 541 (44%)
- Male 676 (56%)



Incapacities

- Developmental Disability 353 (29%)
- Mental Deterioration 329 (27%)
- Mental Illness 408 (34%)
- Physical Incapacity 127 (10%)



Age

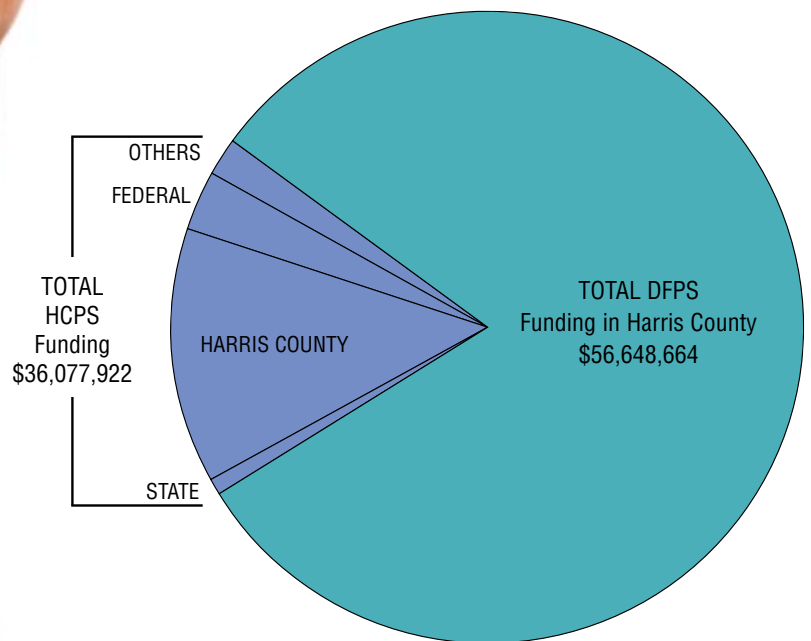
- 18 to 21 yrs 3 (2%)
- 22 to 39 yrs 151 (12%)
- 40 to 59 yrs 447 (37%)
- 60 to 79 yrs 454 (37%)
- 80 yrs and over 162 (13%)

CPS in Harris County 2015 Funding

	DFPS*	HCPS**					Combined Funding in Harris County
	DFPS Funds in Harris Co.	State	Harris County	Federal	Others	Total HCPS	
Staff Salaries, Benefits and Travel	\$52,261,339	\$728,073	\$18,320,952	\$6,191,667	\$2,056,268	\$27,296,960	\$79,558,299
Children's Foster and Institutional Care	0	0	176,900	532,190	0	709,090	709,090
Children's Services Contract	2,587,893	289,852	110,248	2,333,385	1,731	2,735,216	5,323,109
Children's Medical Services	0	6,000	283,860	0	0	289,860	289,860
General and Administrative	1,799,432	686,528	3,313,606	603,247	443,415	5,046,796	6,846,228
TOTAL	\$56,648,664	\$1,710,453	\$22,205,566	\$9,660,489	\$2,501,414	\$36,077,922	\$92,726,586

* DFPS fiscal year: September 1, 2014 - August 31, 2015
DFPS funding sources: state and federal government.

** HCPS fiscal year: March 1, 2015 - February 28, 2016
HCPS funding sources: state, county, federal government and other sources
such as grants and foundations.



Agency Phone Numbers and Web Sites

AGENCY PHONE NUMBERS

Texas Abuse Hotline (children & adults)	1-800-252-5400
Baby Abandonment Hotline	1-877-904-SAVE
BEAR...BE A Resource for CPS Kids	713-940-3073
Child Protective Services (DFPS) Point of Entry	713-295-2650
Children's Crisis Care Center (4 C's)	713-394-4409
Clinic (medical and dental)	713-295-2570
Community Youth Services	713-295-2530
Foster and Adoption Inquiry Line	1-800-233-3405
Guardianship Program	713-363-2300
PO Box 20605, Houston, TX 77225	
Gulfton Community Youth Development (CYD)	832-526-3596
Pasadena Community Youth Development (CYD)	713-274-6071
Harris County Protective Services for Children and Adults	713-394-4000
Harris County Youth Services Center	713-295-2500
6300 Chimney Rock, Houston, TX 77081	
Houston Alumni & Youth (HAY) Center and PAL Program	832-927-7000
1216 West Clay, Houston, Texas 77019	
Kinder Emergency Shelter	713-295-2700
6300 Chimney Rock, Houston, Texas 77081	
Texas Department of Family and Protective Services	512-438-4800
Texas Runaway Hotline	1-888-580-HELP (4357)
Texas Youth Hotline (help for youth under 21 yrs of age)	1-800-98-YOUTH
	(1-800-989-6884)
TRIAD Prevention Program	713-295-2600

AGENCY WEB SITES

Harris County Protective Services for Children and Adults	https://hcps.harriscountytexas.gov/
Texas Department of Family and Protective Services	www.dfps.state.tx.us
Texas Abuse Hotline	www.txabusehotline.org
BEAR...BE A Resource for CPS Kids	www.bearesourcehouston.org
HAY (Houston Alumni & Youth) Center	www.haycenter.org
Help for Parents (Resource and Information)	www.helpandhope.org
Harris County Youth and Family Services Division	http://www.harriscountytexas.gov/YFS/
Homeless Youth Network of Houston/Harris County	www.homelessyouthnetwork.org
Texas Adoption Resource Exchange (TARE)	www.adoptchildren.org
Texas Council of Child Welfare Boards	www.tccwb.org
Texas Network of Youth Services	http://tnoys.org/
Texas Youth Hotline	www.texasyouth.org

SOCIAL MEDIA

BEAR Facebook	www.facebook.com/BEARResourceforCPSKids
HCPS Facebook	https://www.facebook.com/hcps1966
HCPS Twitter	https://twitter.com/hcps1966



HCPS and DFPS in Harris County

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713-394-4000

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www.txabusehotline.org